

May 10, 2017

My name is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) We own and operate a cattle ranch in eastern Fall River County.

We are against the proposed mining and injection wells in the Dewey-Burdock area.

The water for our ranch comes from the Madison Aquifer by way of pipeline. We cannot afford to take a chance on polluting the water that sustains our livelihood.

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Fall River Conservation District; 341 S Chicago Street; Hot Springs SD 57747;
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My name is John Sides. I am the Chairman of the board of directors for the Fall River Conservation District. As a conservation organization, we are strongly opposed to the proposed uranium mining and injection wells at the site of the Dewey Burdock project near Edgemont, SD.

Conservation District Boards are mandated to protect the land, air and water quality. Because of this, the Fall River Conservation District board of directors wrote a resolution that went on to become the State of South Dakota's House Concurrent Resolution number 1025. This resolution reaffirms the value of South Dakota's groundwater resources and recognizes the need for ongoing evaluation of our groundwater management. This resolution in its entirety is attached to this statement.

This uranium and injection well project could have disastrous effects on the lives and economy of all the people of Fall River County. There are too many unanswered questions about this project; such as possible earthquakes and contamination of the Minnelusa and Inyan Kara aquifers. These two major aquifers supply water to at least 125 private wells, providing essential water to families and livestock. Chemical waste contamination would prove devastating to the many people who rely on the Minnelusa and Inyan Kara aquifers.

In addition, the heavy truck traffic that is essential for a mining project will be very damaging to the road system of the county. This would cost the county and taxpayers extra dollars that it simply does not have for road repairs and maintenance.

The population of this county cannot afford the mistakes that could come with this project. The lack of clean, usable water could easily turn our towns in to ghost towns and productive range land into waste lands. We need to protect our water sources for the well-being of all livestock, wild life and human life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sides". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent and the last name "Sides" following in a similar style.

John Sides, Fall River Conservation District Chair

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1025

Introduced by: Representatives Heinert, Campbell, Craig, Dryden, Hawks, Hoffman, Killer, Sly, and Tyler and Senators Sutton, Frerichs, Jones (Chuck), and Rampelberg

- 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Reaffirming the value of South Dakota's groundwater
2 resources and recognizing the need for ongoing evaluation of our groundwater management.
- 3 WHEREAS, groundwater is a resource of immeasurable value to public health and welfare;
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, it is the public policy of this state to conserve the waters of the state and to
6 protect, maintain, and improve the quality thereof for water supplies; for the propagation of
7 wildlife, fish, and aquatic life; and for domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational, and other
8 legitimate uses; and
- 9 WHEREAS, it is the public policy of this state to provide that no waste be discharged into
10 any waters of the state without first receiving the necessary treatment or other corrective action
11 to protect the legitimate and beneficial uses of such waters; and
- 12 WHEREAS, it is the public policy of this state to provide for the prevention, abatement, and
13 control of new and existing water pollution; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota has limited groundwater resources, and any impact
15 to such resources may be detrimental and permanent; and



1 WHEREAS, technology changes rapidly and technological development in all of South
2 Dakota's industries changes the way in which our groundwater is used:

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
4 Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the value of
5 our groundwater resources is reaffirmed; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Legislature recognizes the need for ongoing
7 evaluation of our groundwater management based on rapidly changing technology and the
8 impacts of technological advances on our groundwater resources.